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Top Stories

- Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Senate Intelligence Committee ranking member Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) introduced a bill to ban the use of Huawei Technologies Co. and ZTE Corp. technology in 5G wireless networks and offer American telecommunications firms a "supply chain trust fund" to remove the equipment from their networks. The bill would also set up an interagency program, led by the Department of Homeland Security, to inform communications companies of any risks to their networks. (The Hill)

- Amazon.com Inc. is building a device worn on the wrist that would aim to read human emotions by gauging the sound of the wearer's voice through

microphones in the gadget, according to internal documents and a person familiar with the program, with the goal of being able to advise the wearer on how to effectively communicate with others. The project, code-named Dylan, does not have a clear timeline and might not become a commercial device, but documents show the project has been ongoing recently, with a source saying beta testing is underway. (Bloomberg)

- Facebook Inc. said it is no longer giving employees commissions for political advertisements, as it rethinks how it approaches its handling of campaigns ahead of the 2020 elections. A former Facebook employee said workers who had their salaries tied to commissions have seen their base pay increase, and the move comes as the platform's ad-buying experience becomes mostly a self-serve process. (The Wall Street Journal)

Chart Review

Trump's Huawei ban spooks allies, industry
Politico

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

05/23/2019

WSJ Future of Everything Festival	
Interop ITX	
The Washington Post's event with Mayor Pete Buttigieg in its 2020 candidates series	9:00 am
American Enterprise Institute's event on negotiating with	

China 2:30 pm

05/29/2019

AWE USA 2019

AT&T and Carnegie Mellon University's Privacy in the World of Internet of Things forum 1:00 pm

05/30/2019

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General

Huawei Executive Accused by U.S. Startup of Involvement in Trade-Secrets Theft
Kate O'Keeffe, The Wall Street Journal

A Silicon Valley chip startup backed by Microsoft Corp. and Dell Technologies Inc. has accused a top executive at Huawei Technologies Co., Deputy Chairman Eric Xu, of participating in a conspiracy to steal its trade secrets, court documents show.

8,000 Amazon employees asked the company to do more on climate change. Shareholders just said no.
Emily Stewart and Alexia Fernández Campbell, Vox

Amazon shareholders just voted down a proposal backed by more than 7,500 Amazon employees asking Jeff Bezos to create a comprehensive climate-change plan for the company. But just because the proposal didn't get through this time doesn't mean it doesn't matter.

Senators introduce bipartisan national AI strategy
Tajha Chappellet-Lanier, FedScoop

More than $2 billion in federal spending and several policy initiatives are the cornerstones of a new bipartisan bill that would create a government strategy for developing artificial intelligence technology.

Elon Musk's Boring Co. Is Coming to Las Vegas
Sarah McBride, Bloomberg

Boring Co. has won its first commercial transportation contract, a $48.7 million mile-long project to shuttle visitors around the Las Vegas convention center. It is not quite the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles scale imagined when entrepreneur Elon Musk set out his vision for the company, but the contract gives it an important mark of legitimacy.

Review of Elon Musk's DC-to-Baltimore 'Loop' system reveals safety concerns
Mark Harris, TechCrunch

The Boring Company's Loop transit system that aims to shuttle people in autonomous electric vehicles between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. fails to meet several key national safety standards, a review of its proposal reveals.

Amazon Now Has A Web Form For People To Report Abuses Of Its Facial Recognition Tech
Davey Alba, BuzzFeed News

"This yet again underscores the urgent need for Amazon to get out of the surveillance business. They simply do not know what they are doing," said civil liberties attorney Matt Cagle.

Chinese Government Expert Sees Trade Tensions Lasting Until 2035
Bloomberg News

China and the U.S. may be stuck in a cycle of "fighting and talking" until 2035, according to a senior Chinese government researcher, who said relations will get worse before they get better.

Stocks Slump, Dollar Rises as Trade Worries Deepen: Markets Wrap
Yakob Peterseil, Bloomberg

Stocks slumped globally on Thursday as the simmering trade dispute between the world's two largest economies took a greater toll on markets. Safe assets were in demand, with gold and the yen gaining alongside the dollar and Treasuries.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Qualcomm Leans on Appeals, Trump Help to Reverse FTC Order
Ian King, Bloomberg

Qualcomm Inc., smarting from a major legal setback that could unravel its business model, will now look to an appeals process that historically has gone in its favor - as well as to possible intervention from the Trump administration, which is eager to ensure the U.S. company remains competitive in 5G technology.

New AG in Missouri Continuing Facebook, Google Probes
Ashley Gold, The Information

Josh Hawley's legacy as Missouri's tech-skeptic attorney general appears to be secure. His successor in the role, Eric Schmitt, is continuing investigations into Google and Facebook that Mr. Hawley launched before he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018, a spokesman for Mr. Schmitt confirmed.

Apple commits to transparency on iPhone issues after UK probe
Myles McCormick, Financial Times

Apple has pledged to be "clearer and more upfront" about iPhone battery health and performance, following a probe by the UK competition watchdog into a software update that caused the phones to slow. The Competition and Markets Authority said on Wednesday that the tech giant had agreed to notify customers in cases where an update is expected to have a material impact on the performance of their phones as it closed its investigation into concerns the tech giant had been in breach of consumer law.

T-Mobile-Sprint deal would boost prices, hurt poorest U.S. consumers, experts say
Diane Bartz and Sheila Dang, Reuters

Concessions by T-Mobile US Inc to win U.S. government approval to buy Sprint Corp will likely lead to higher prices for the poorest Americans, many of whom use prepaid wireless plans, analysts and activists said.

Apple and Google's Nemesis Could Be the Next Face of Europe
Geoffrey Smith, Fortune

She has forced Apple to repay $17 billion in taxes and fined Google over $9 billion for antitrust violations. And if the results at this week's elections in Europe pan out for her, the woman that Silicon Valley has learned to fear could be on course for the top job in the European Union's powerful bureaucracy.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Mobile Carriers in Britain and Japan Begin to Turn Away From Huawei
Amie Tsang, The New York Times

Google's decision to cut off support to Huawei, the Chinese telecommunications giant blacklisted by the Trump administration, is rippling across the globe as companies suspend ties to the handset maker.

Huawei is in the crosshairs of the Trump administration. So why do so few Americans know about the smartphone giant?
Greg Bensinger, The Washington Post

Brittney Jones is something of a rarity among U.S. smartphone users. She prefers Huawei.

FFTC: House Dems Seek Bipartisan Net Neutrality Bill
John Eggerton, Multichannel News

Net neutrality activists at Fight for the Future (FFTF) say they have gotten hold of a draft letter signed by almost four dozen Democratic House members calling for compromise network neutrality legislation, including forming a bipartisan caucus, as a pair of senators did), a conciliatory move FFTF strongly opposed.

Colorado Reps. Concerned About 5G 'Disinformation' Campaign
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

Colorado Democratic Rep. Diana DeGette has called for a Hill hearing on a 5G disinformation campaign spotted in Denver and "everywhere," saying she thought the House Energy & Commerce Committee-Democrats control the committee-should hold a hearing on it.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Bill to ban the sale of loot boxes to children presses forward with bipartisan support
Makena Kelly, The Verge

Today, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) will be formally introducing his bill to ban the sale of loot boxes to children, and two of his Democratic colleagues have signed on in support of the legislation.

Apple And Amazon Cut a Deal That Upended The Mac Resale Market
Nick Statt, The Verge

Six months after Apple moved in, small sellers have all but disappeared from Amazon Marketplace.

Citing Reuters report, health groups push tech firms to police tobacco marketing

Chris Kirkham, Reuters

More than 100 public health and anti-tobacco organizations are calling on Facebook Inc, Instagram, Twitter and Snap Inc to take "swift action" to curb advertising of tobacco products on their platforms. The organizations' letter to the firms cited a recent Reuters report documenting how cigarette maker Philip Morris International Inc has used young personalities on Instagram to sell a new "heated tobacco" product called IQOS.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Both Democrats and Republicans blast facial-recognition technology in a rare bipartisan moment
Drew Harwell, The Washington Post

Facial-recognition technology endured fierce resistance in Washington on Wednesday as both Democratic and Republican lawmakers criticized the artificial-intelligence software as a danger to Americans' privacy and civil rights.

DHS official: Florida one of the 'best' states on election security, despite 2016 Russian hack
Maggie Miller, The Hill

Christopher Krebs, the director of the Department of Homeland Security's cyber agency, described Florida as one of the "best" states in terms of election security on Wednesday, despite the recent announcement two counties were breached in 2016.

NASA Official Credits DHS' Cyber Tools with Transforming Its Cyber Stance
Brandi Vincent, Nextgov

The Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation program launched America's space agency into a new age of cybersecurity, a NASA official said Wednesday. In 2016, the agency began implementing the first phase of CDM, a Homeland Security Department effort to provide agencies with a suite of consistent cybersecurity tools to help them better monitor hacking attempts and other malicious threats.

China's Hikvision Has Probably Filmed You
Olivia Carville and Jeremy Kahn, Bloomberg

The U.S. government is considering barring two Chinese video-surveillance giants from purchasing U.S. technology, but their cameras are already scanning suburban streets and Army bases across America.

How China Uses High-Tech Surveillance to Subdue Minorities
Chris Buckley and Paul Mozur, The New York Times

A God's-eye view of Kashgar, an ancient city in western China, flashed onto a wall-size screen, with colorful icons marking police stations, checkpoints and the locations of recent security incidents.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Proposal to Revive 'Do Not Track' Doomed to Fail
Daniel Castro, Morning Consult

Everything old is new again - at least when it comes to bad ideas for Internet regulation. This week, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) introduced a bill that would require all websites to adhere to a "do not track" web standard, so that internet users could download an app or change a setting in their web browser and opt out of all data collection from online services unless the data is strictly necessary for a service to function.

On Huawei, All Trump Has to Lose Is America's Credibility
Hal Brands, Bloomberg

When the history of the unfolding rivalry between America and China is written, the events of the past week will probably figure prominently. On May 15, the Commerce Department effectively banned U.S. companies from providing technology and components to Huawei, the Chinese telecommunications behemoth, and blocked the use of Huawei telecommunications equipment domestically.

Research Reports

I'd blush if I could: closing gender divides in digital skills through

education

UNESCO

The title of this publication borrows its name from the response given by Siri, a female-gendered voice assistant used by hundreds of millions of people, when a human user would tell 'her', "Hey Siri, you're a bi***."

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